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SUBJECT: PLO AND PRG ISSUES AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE

1. PRECEDING UNDER SECRETARY SISCO'S JAN 30 BRIEFING FOR SWISS AMBASSADOR SCHNYDER ON MIDDLE EAST, SISCO RAISED ISSUES OF PRG AND PLO AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE AS FOLLOWS.

2. PLO ACCESSION TO GENEVA CONVENTIONS. SISCO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT GOS ABOUT TO MAKE ITS RESPONSE TO PLO IN THIS REGARD AND HE WANTED USE OCCASION OF THEIR MEETING TO MAKE CLEAR U.S.G. OPPOSITION TO PLO ACCESSION. SISCO ASKED IF SCHNYDER COULD TELL US NOW WHAT GOS DECISION MIGHT BE AND WHAT GOS MIGHT SAY PUBLICLY ABOUT ITS DECISION. SCHNYDER SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON GOS DECISION OTHER THAN THAT HE EXPECTED IT WOULD BE MADE IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

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3. PRG AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE. SISCO RECALLED THAT PRG WAS DENIED ADMISSION TO FIRST SESSION OF LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE BY ONE VOTE. HE TOLD SCHNYDER THAT U.S. CONSIDERED THAT THAT DECISION HAD SETTLED QUESTION OF ADMISSION AND, THEREFORE, IF SUBJECT RAISED AGAIN IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED UNDER RULE 32 WHICH REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS VOTE. SISCO SAID

HE HOPED CONFERENCE PRESIDENT, SWISS PRESIDENT AND FONMIN GRABER, WOULD INVOKE RULE 32 IF ISSUE ARISES.

4. SCHNYDER UNDERTOOK TO RELAY U.S. VIEWS ON THESE ISSUES TO BERN AND TO REPORT ANY NOTEWORTHY REPLY TO SISCO. KISSINGER

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